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June 26, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to advocate for the approval of Beloit Health System's proposed neighborhood hospital at NorthPointe. As an orthopedic surgeon who has spent my entire career in this community and serving patients from the stateline community, I have witnessed firsthand the pressing need for enhanced emergency and inpatient services in our community.

Orthopedic injuries, whether they involve fractures, dislocations, or severe sprains, demand immediate evaluation and intervention to prevent complications and ensure the best possible recovery. The role of emergency departments in promptly assessing, stabilizing, and imaging these injuries is critical. These initial steps are vital in setting the stage for subsequent orthopedic care and intervention.

Additionally, emergency rooms are often the first point of contact for patients suffering from orthopedic injuries who may not have access to primary care or orthopedic specialists right away. By providing swift evaluation and treatment, my colleagues in Emergency Medicine help alleviate pain, restore mobility, and improve the overall patient experience. When needed, they efficiently refer patients to my care for further specialized orthopedic treatment.

My experience underscores the importance of having robust emergency room capabilities to manage acute musculoskeletal injuries effectively. Therefore, I strongly believe that the establishment of a neighborhood hospital at NorthPointe will significantly enhance healthcare delivery in our community. I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital proposal, Project 24-018, as it will be a valuable asset in meeting the healthcare needs of the Stateline area.

Thank you for considering this essential project.

Sincerely.

Aimal Matloob, MD Orthopedic Surgery

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for Beloit Health System's proposal to establish a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus. As a nurse practitioner specializing in cardiology, I have witnessed firsthand the critical need for accessible and timely emergency care in our community.

In cardiology, seconds can make the difference between life and death. Patients experiencing heart attacks or other acute cardiac events require immediate intervention to minimize damage and improve outcomes. Having a nearby emergency facility at NorthPointe will allow us to provide the rapid, life-saving care that these patients need without the delay of transporting them to a distant hospital.

The addition of a neighborhood hospital will also enhance our ability to provide comprehensive care for chronic conditions such as hypertension and heart failure, which are prevalent in our community. By offering a full range of services, including emergency care and inpatient treatment, NorthPointe will enable us to manage these conditions more effectively, improving the overall health of our residents.

Jurge the Health Facilities and Services Review 8oard to approve this proposal. The new hospital will be a valuable asset to our community, ensuring that all residents have access to the high-quality care they deserve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage.

I am writing to express my strong support for Beloit Health System's proposed neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe Campus. As an interventional pain specialist at Northpointe, I have dedicated my career to managing chronic pain and improving the quality of life for my patients. Pain management often requires a multidisciplinary approach, and timely access to comprehensive medical care is critical for the success of these treatments.

In my practice, I work with patients suffering from a range of painful conditions, from chronic back pain to complex neuropathic disorders. These conditions often require immediate medical attention to prevent exacerbation and complications. Quick access to emergency services can be a lifeline for these patients, ensuring they receive the necessary interventions to manage acute pain flare-ups and other related medical emergencies.

The proposed neighborhood hospital will provide vital emergency and inpatient services to residents of Roscoe and the surrounding communities. This facility will be equipped to handle a variety of medical emergencies, including those related to acute pain conditions. By offering immediate medical care, the hospital will help reduce suffering and prevent complications that could lead to long-term health issues or hospital admissions.

Furthermore, the NorthPointe Campus already houses several essential medical services, and adding a neighborhood hospital will create a more cohesive and comprehensive healthcare network. Patients will benefit from the convenience of having access to a wide range of medical services in one location, reducing the need for travel and the associated stress.

The Beloit Health System's proposal represents a significant step forward in addressing the healthcare needs of our community. By enhancing the availability of emergency and inpatient services, this new hospital will play a crucial role in improving patient outcomes and quality of life for many individuals.

For these reasons, I urge the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the proposal for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital.

Best regards,

Alfred Rosche, MD Interventional Pain



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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to convey my strong support for Beloit Health System's proposal to establish a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus. As an ophthalmologist who has been practicing at NorthPointe, I have had the privilege of witnessing the profound positive impact this facility has on our community's health and well-being.

In my practice, I manage a wide spectrum of eye conditions, ranging from routine vision issues to more complex cases such as cataracts and glaucoma. The proximity to comprehensive healthcare services at NorthPointe has been invaluable for my patients. It allows for a coordinated approach to their care, facilitating access to diagnostic services, surgical treatments, and necessary follow-up care. The introduction of a hospital would significantly enhance this patient experience by providing timely and convenient care.

One of the most compelling aspects of the proposed neighborhood hospital is its potential to offer critical and immediate care. In ophthalmology, early intervention is crucial for conditions such as sudden vision loss or severe ocular pain, where delays can lead to irreversible damage. The availability of an emergency department at NorthPointe would ensure that my patients receive the urgent medical attention they require, enhancing their outcomes and overall well-being.

Furthermore, the proposed hospital addresses a growing need for expanded emergency and inpatient services within our community. The development of these services at NorthPointe is essential for meeting the increasing healthcare demands of the region. It would significantly improve the accessibility and quality of care for our patients, aligning with the high standards they deserve.

I urge you to support this project, which has substantial benefits to the residents of our region.

Sincerely

Alice Townshend, MD Ophthalmology



June 25, 2024

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to express my support for the neighborhood hospital proposal currently under consideration. As a pulmonary specialist, I've had the privilege of working closely with patients facing various respiratory challenges, from chronic conditions like asthma and COPD to acute respiratory infections.

In my role, I focus on providing comprehensive care, including conducting pulmonary assessments, managing treatments, and educating patients on self-care strategies. Having a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus, would be incredibly beneficial for our community.

A local hospital equipped with specialized respiratory services would improve access to timely care, especially during respiratory emergencies or exacerbations. This means quicker interventions, better management of symptoms, and ultimately, improved outcomes for our patients.

I believe that supporting the neighborhood hospital initiative is crucial for enhancing healthcare accessibility and quality in our community. Therefore, I strongly encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this proposal.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

Warm *r*egards

Anne Marie Matelski, PA **Pulmonary Medicine**

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July 1, 2024

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to request approval of Beloit Health System's proposed neighborhood hospital. As a general surgeon at Beloit Memorial Hospital, I have gained valuable insights into the healthcare needs of our community and the challenges we face in providing timely and comprehensive care.

The nature of surgical conditions I encounter, such as appendicitis, gallbladder disease, and abdominal trauma, often requires immediate evaluation and intervention to prevent complications and ensure favorable outcomes. Emergency room teams are pivotal in this process, initiating crucial assessments, stabilization efforts, and diagnostic procedures that facilitate timely surgical interventions when necessary. Their prompt actions contribute significantly to reducing patient suffering and improving overall treatment outcomes.

Furthermore, emergency rooms serve as vital entry points for patients in need of urgent surgical care but lacking immediate access to primary care or specialty services. Effective collaboration with Emergency Medicine colleagues allows for seamless transitions of care, ensuring that patients receive continuous support throughout their healthcare journey.

Given the critical role of emergency services in facilitating timely and effective surgical care, I firmly believe that the establishment of the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital will enhance our ability to meet the growing demands for surgical services in the Stateline communities. This project represents a significant step forward in improving healthcare access and outcomes for our residents.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital CON permit application, Project 24-018, recognizing its potential to optimize patient care and strengthen our healthcare delivery system.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

Melissa Amberger, DO General Surgery

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to convey my strong support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project as the Medical Director of the Northpointe Birthing Center and a practicing OB/GYN physician who has seen firsthand the critical need for enhanced maternity and women's health services in our community. The expansion proposed by Beloit Health System will have a profound impact on the quality of care we can provide to our patients.

The proposed neighborhood hospital will address care gaps by providing state-of-the-art emergency and inpatient services. A neighborhood hospital in Illinois will provide a much-needed alternative for local residents who currently have to travel to Wisconsin for certain healthcare services. This will not only improve accessibility but also ensure continuity of care for patients who prefer to receive treatment within their own state.

Having reviewed the proposal, I am particularly impressed by its alignment with best practices in patient care and its potential to significantly enhance the healthcare landscape in our community. The expansion of NorthPointe will facilitate better access to high-quality care, especially for women.

I strongly encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. This expansion will be a crucial step forward in improving healthcare delivery and patient experience in our community.

Sincerely

Binn Jatta, MD

Medical Director, Northpointe Birthing Center

OBGYN Physician



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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to show my full support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. As a nurse practitioner in family practice, I see many patients every day who would benefit from having more healthcare services nearby.

Right now, NorthPointe offers a lot of helpful services, such as a fitness center, urgent care, different diagnostic tests, a surgery center, a birthing center, doctor's offices, and an assisted living facility. These services are very useful for my patients, especially those with long-term conditions like diabetes and heart disease, who need regular and coordinated care.

One thing I really appreciate is that Beloit Health System is changing double rooms at Beloit Hospital into private rooms. This means fewer beds, but it is not about making more money. It is about giving patients a better experience with more privacy and comfort. It shows they care about the patients' wellbeing, not just profits.

Having a neighborhood hospital in Illinois is also very important. Many of my patients are from Illinois and have to go to Wisconsin for some of their healthcare needs. This can be hard for them and their families. An Illinois-based hospital will make it easier for them to get the care they need close to home. It will make healthcare more accessible and save them the trouble of traveling far.

I have looked at the proposal and think it's a great idea. It focuses on evidence-based practices and putting patients first, which is essential for providing high-quality care. Expanding the services at NorthPointe will really help our community. I strongly encourage you to approve this project so that we can continue to provide excellent care to our residents.

Thank you for considering my letter of support.

Sincerely.

Family Medicine Nurse Practioner

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Ms. Debra Savage, Chair Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Support for NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital (Project #24-018)

Dear Chair Savage,

My name is Dr. Marek Bentkowski and I'm a family practice physician. I am writing to support Beloit Health System's request to update its NorthPointe facility in Roscoe by building out a shelled portion of its facilities to be designed for inpatient care with a dedicated emergency department and inpatient surgery to treat acute emergency medical conditions for patients presenting with severe symptoms. This small format neighborhood hospital, will be an important resource for patients in need of emergency department services on the Illinois side of the State Line Community. The current lack of immediate emergency medical attention is a serious concern for area residents.

As a primary care physician in Roscoe, Illinois, I am proud of the care we provide to the residents of Winnebago County. My patients already have the benefit of a good number of healthcare services on the NorthPointe Health and Wellness Campus. NorthPointe Wellness is the only fitness facility in State Line Community offering a medically integrated approach to wellness. Members have access to a team of certified and degreed fitness specialists, dietitians and health educators who can help develop personalized fitness and wellness programs. This campus also houses an immediate care center, various healthcare related ancillary diagnostic services, an ambulatory surgery center, a newly opened birthing center, physician offices/clinics as well as Northpointe Terrace, an assisted living facility.

Given the Beloit Health System has been vital healthcare provider in our community for over 15 years and its immediate care facility is already staffed with board-certified emergency room physicians, adding emergency department and inpatient services is a natural next step in the continuum of care. With a program that can admit patients and perform inpatient surgeries, the NorthPointe campus will be able to better serve the area communities and will also be better positioned to facilitate ambulance or helicopter transports when a higher level of care, including tertiary care is required.

With these points in mind, I sincerely urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this CON Permit Application.

With regards,

Marek Bentkowski, MD

Department of Family Medicine



June 21, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. As a primary care physician, I have witnessed the critical need for accessible and high-quality healthcare within our community.

Many of my patients have greatly benefited from the wide array of services offered at NorthPointe, which includes a medically integrated fitness center, an immediate care center, numerous diagnostic and treatment services, an ambulatory surgery center, a birthing center, physician offices and clinics, and an assisted living center. With the increasing incidence of chronic diseases and complications in our area, it is clear that we need more resources to handle the demand for emergency and inpatient care.

Beloit Health System's proposal for a neighborhood hospital is a strategic response to these healthcare needs. After reviewing the proposal, I am impressed by the focus on evidencebased practices and patient-centered care. I firmly believe in the necessity of expanding our local inpatient and emergency services and strongly urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this proposal.

Family Medicine Physician



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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am a nurse practitioner in internal medicine, and I want to say how much I support the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. I work with many patients who need help with their health problems, and I see how important it is to have good medical services close to home.

NorthPointe already has many helpful services like a fitness center, urgent care, different medical tests, a surgery center, a birthing center, doctor's offices, and a place for people who need more care. But we really need more. The new hospital will give us more help with emergencies and people who need to stay in the hospital.

It is hard for my patients when they have to travel far for medical care. Many of them are old or have serious health issues, so it's better if they can get help nearby. The new hospital will make sure they get the care they need without going too far. This will help them stay healthy and get better faster.

Also, the new hospital will bring more services to our community. This means that people can get all the care they need in one place, which makes it easier for them to manage their health. I really think this project will make a big difference in our community.

I hope the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board will approve this project. It will help us give better care to the people who live here.

Thank you,

Christina Hughes, NP

Internal Medicine Nurse Practitioner



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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project as a practicing podiatrist in our community. My work involves treating patients with various foot and ankle conditions, many of whom have chronic diseases such as diabetes that require comprehensive and timely medical care. The expansion of NorthPointe to include a neighborhood hospital is a critical step towards meeting these needs and improving healthcare access for our community.

Currently, NorthPointe provides a range of essential services, including a fitness center, urgent care, diagnostic and treatment facilities, a surgery center, a birthing center, physician offices, and an assisted living facility. These services are invaluable for managing chronic conditions that affect the lower extremities, such as diabetic foot ulcers and peripheral neuropathy. However, the proposed expansion will significantly enhance our ability to deliver integrated and continuous care, especially for patients who need specialized treatments or emergency interventions.

One of the key advantages of the neighborhood hospital is the provision of comprehensive emergency and inpatient services locally. This is particularly beneficial for my patients with diabetic complications, as timely access to care can prevent serious infections and amputations. The presence of a well-equipped hospital nearby will enable quicker responses to medical emergencies and better management of chronic conditions that impact foot health;

Furthermore, the expansion aligns with NorthPointe's commitment to providing patient-centered care. By offering a broader spectrum of medical services, the neighborhood hospital will help streamline patient care pathways and reduce the need for patients to seek treatment far from home.

The project will improve healthcare accessibility and quality, particularly for patients requiring specialized podiatric and chronic disease management. I strongly urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this project, which is essential for enhancing the health and well-being of our residents

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to strongly endorse the proposal for a new neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus by Beloit Health System. As an interventional cardiologist practicing in the region, I have seen firsthand how critical it is to have rapid access to emergency medical services, especially for heart-related conditions.

In my field, time is truly of the essence. When a patient experiences a heart attack, every minute that passes can mean more damage to the heart muscle. The quicker we can treat these patients, the better their outcomes. Currently, many of my patients have to travel considerable distances to get the emergency care they need, which can be a matter of life and death. A hospital at NorthPointe would drastically reduce this response time and will save numerous lives.

Additionally, having a local hospital would allow us to treat patients close to their homes, reducing the stress and inconvenience of traveling far for medical care. This not only improves patient outcomes but also enhances their overall healthcare experience. I am confident that this project will bring significant benefits to our community, providing timely and effective treatment for cardiovascular emergencies and beyond.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this proposal. The establishment of a neighborhood hospital will greatly enhance the healthcare infrastructure of our area and ensure that residents have access to the life-saving care they need.

Thank you for considering this critical initiative.

Sincerely,

Charles Laham, MD Interventional Cardiology

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Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to convey my strong support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project.

As an Internal Medicine physician, the proposal by Beloit Health System will have a profound impact on the quality of care we can provide to our patients. In my practice, I understand the importance of immediate access to advanced healthcare facilities. The proposed neighborhood hospital will address these gaps by providing state-of-the-art emergency and inpatient services, which are essential for managing patients and contributing to comprehensive maternity care.

One of the most significant aspects of this project is the emphasis on patient experience. Beloit Health System's commitment to converting double rooms into private rooms at their existing hospital is a testament to their dedication to patient-centered care. This initiative, aimed at enhancing privacy and comfort, highlights their focus on patient well-being. It will create a more welcoming and supportive environment for new mothers and their families during such a critical time.

Having reviewed the proposal, I am particularly impressed by its alignment with best practices in patient care and its potential to significantly enhance the healthcare landscape in our community. The expansion of NorthPointe will facilitate better access to high-quality care, especially for women requiring specialized obstetric and gynecological services.

I strongly encourage you to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project. This expansion will be a crucial step forward in improving healthcare delivery and patient experience in our community.

Sincerely.

Chullen, ml) Cheryl Miller, MD

Internal Medicine Physician

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As an OB/GYN physician the proposal by Beloit Health System will have a profound impact on the quality of care we can provide to our patients. In my practice, I understand the importance of immediate access to advanced healthcare facilities. The proposed neighborhood hospital will address these gaps by providing state-of-the-art emergency and inpatient services, which are essential for managing patients and contributing to comprehensive maternity care.

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I strongly encourage you to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project. This expansion will be a crucial step forward in improving healthcare delivery and patient experience in our community.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Palabrica, MD **OBGYN Physician**

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Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Northpointe neighborhood hospital. As an optometrist practicing at NorthPointe, I have witnessed firsthand the crucial role that accessible healthcare services play in our community's well-being.

In my optometry practice, I routinely encounter patients with a variety of eye conditions, from simple vision corrections to complex ocular diseases. Many of these conditions, such as severe eye infections or acute vision loss, require prompt medical attention. Having immediate access to comprehensive emergency services on the same campus would significantly enhance the quality of care I can provide to my patients. This is especially true for those who may need urgent interventions to prevent vision loss or other complications.

The establishment of a neighborhood hospital will not only provide essential emergency and inpatient services but also enhance the overall healthcare infrastructure at NorthPointe. The integration of a hospital with our existing healthcare services will facilitate better management of urgent cases and improve health outcomes for the community.

Moreover, I have seen the challenges faced by many of my patients who need emergency care but are currently required to travel significant distances to access these services. The new hospital will alleviate this burden by offering immediate medical care closer to home, reducing wait times and the stress associated with travel. This is particularly important for residents of Roscoe and nearby areas who might otherwise have limited access to timely medical interventions.

The NorthPointe Campus is already a cornerstone of healthcare in our region, and the addition of a neighborhood hospital will further solidify its role as a comprehensive healthcare hub. This project is a significant step forward in meeting the growing healthcare needs of our community, and I am confident that it will have a lasting positive impact on the lives of our residents. I urge the Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Beloit Health System's proposal for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital.

Sincerely,

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage.

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board for approving the establishment of our new birthing center at NorthPointe Health & Wellness Campus. As a nurse midwife who has recently joined the dedicated team here, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact this birthing center has had on our community.

Since its inception, the birthing center has provided expectant families with a supportive environment for safe and personalized childbirth experiences. The compassionate care and holistic approach offered by our team have empowered mothers and families, fostering a sense of confidence and security during one of life's most transformative moments.

I am privileged to be part of a facility that prioritizes patient-centered care, respects cultural diversity, and celebrates the uniqueness of each birthing journey. The collaborative spirit among our healthcare professionals ensures that every mother receives comprehensive prenatal, labor. and postpartum care tailored to her individual needs.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the prospect of further enhancing our community's healthcare landscape with the proposed neighborhood hospital and emergency room. This expansion will undoubtedly complement our existing services, allowing us to provide seamless continuity of care for women and families beyond childbirth emergencies. By expanding our capabilities, we can continue to meet the evolving healthcare needs of our diverse community.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support the approval of the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project. Together, we can build upon the success of the birthing center and further elevate the standard of care for all residents in our wonderful community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards.

Camilla Roe, CNM Nurse Midwifery

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July 31, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for the approval of Beloit Health System's proposed neighborhood hospital. As a vascular surgeon who has been on the medical staff of Beloit Memorial Hospital for many years, I have a profound understanding of our region's healthcare needs, particularly the urgent demand for expanded emergency and inpatient services to serve the growing population of the Stateline communities.

Vascular emergencies, such as arterial blockages, aneurysms, and severe peripheral vascular diseases, often require immediate intervention to prevent serious complications and ensure the best possible patient outcomes. The prompt assessment and stabilization provided by emergency room personnel are crucial in these cases. They play a pivotal role in diagnosing and initiating treatment for vascular conditions, which lays the groundwork for subsequent surgical or medical interventions.

Furthermore, emergency departments are critical access points for patients who experience vascular emergencies but lack immediate access to specialized care. By providing timely evaluations and treatment, my colleagues in Emergency Medicine help to prevent complications, minimize damage, and ultimately save lives. They can seamlessly transition patients to my care for further specialized treatment when necessary.

Given my reliance on emergency rooms as essential partners in delivering timely and effective care to patients with acute vascular conditions, I strongly believe that the establishment of a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus is vital. It will not only improve patient outcomes but also enhance overall healthcare delivery in our community. Therefore, I urge you to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital proposal, Project 24-018.

Thank you for considering this important initiative.

Warm regards

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June 26, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my support for the proposed neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus. As an interventional cardiologist in our community, I have witnessed the urgent need for more accessible emergency services in our area, particularly for heart-related emergencies.

When it comes to heart attacks and other serious cardiac events, time is a critical factor. Quick access to emergency care can prevent extensive damage and save lives. Unfortunately, many of my patients currently face long travel times to reach a hospital capable of handling such emergencies. This delay can have devastating consequences. The proposed hospital at NorthPointe would provide immediate, local access to the care they need during these critical moments.

Moreover, the addition of this hospital will help alleviate the burden on Beloit Memorial Hospital, ensuring that local patients can receive timely and efficient local care without unnecessary delays. This is especially important for those who require ongoing cardiac care and monitoring. Having more accessible emergency services will significantly improve their quality of life and health outcomes.

I strongly believe that the approval of this project is important for the well-being of our community. Therefore, I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support the establishment of the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

Mohamed Chebaclo MD Interventional Cardiology

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June 21, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to lend my full support to the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. As a practicing primary care physician, I have seen firsthand the importance of having accessible, high-quality healthcare services available within our community.

Many of my patients have benefited significantly from the comprehensive services provided at NorthPointe, which include a medically integrated fitness center, immediate care facilities, various healthcare diagnostic and treatment services, an ambulatory surgery center, a birthing center, physician offices and clinics, and an assisted living center. Given the rising prevalence of chronic diseases and the associated complications in our community, there is a clear need for additional resources to meet the increasing demand for emergency and inpatient care.

The proposal from Beloit Health System for a neighborhood hospital is a well-considered plan to address these healthcare needs in our area. After reviewing the details, I am impressed by the emphasis on evidence-based practices and patient-centered care. I strongly support the expansion of inpatient and emergency services in our community and urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the proposal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Cho Escalante Family Medicine Physician

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May 23, 2024

Debra Savage, Chair Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Beloit Health Systems Proposed Neighborhood Hospital Development in the Village of Roscoe

Dear Chair Savage,

I am pleased to provide a letter expressing my support for the proposed Neighborhood Hospital project for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Campus. This is a healthcare system that has embraced a strong focus on wellness and patient-centered care, which is truly commendable. By prioritizing preventive care, holistic well-being, and empowering patients to be active participants in their health journey, such a system demonstrates a deep commitment to improving overall community health outcomes.

It is my hope that the State of Illinois' Health Facilities Planning Review Board will approve this important project to allow for a Neighborhood Hospital on the NorthPointe Campus, including a 24-Hour Emergency Department. Keeping our residents who currently utilize Beloit Memorial Hospital in Wisconsin in Illinois for their care at the NorthPointe Campus will reduce their need to travel outside of their hometowns. It would also make it easier for their loved ones to visit them.

NorthPointe is a strong community supporter; their presence here continues to be beneficial for both local businesses and our customers. I believe that having a Neighborhood Hospital on the NorthPointe Campus would greatly benefit our community. The center would also create new jobs in the community.

We urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe proposal.

Sincerely.

Carol Gustafson
Village President

Village of Roscoe, IL



June 21, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I love the idea of the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. In my practice, I treat a variety of musculoskeletal issues, including fractures, joint replacements, and sports injuries, which require both immediate and ongoing care.

NorthPointe currently offers a comprehensive range of services, including a medically integrated fitness center, immediate care center, various diagnostic and treatment facilities, an ambulatory surgery center, a birthing center, physician offices, and an assisted living center. These integrated services are crucial for my patients, who often need continuous care and rehabilitation to recover fully from injuries and surgeries.

Given the increasing incidence of musculoskeletal problems in our community, there is a significant need for expanded resources to provide timely and adequate emergency and inpatient care. The proposal from Beloit Health System for a neighborhood hospital is a forward-thinking solution that addresses the growing healthcare demands in our area.

Having reviewed the proposal, I am impressed by the emphasis on evidence-based practices and patient-centered care. The proposed expansion of inpatient and emergency services will greatly benefit my patients, providing them with the essential healthcare infrastructure required for effective treatment and rehabilitation. I strongly encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this proposal to improve healthcare access and quality for our community.

Thank you

Dr. Derek Damrow Orthopedic Surgeon

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June 25, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage.

As an orthopedic surgeon serving our community, I specialize in diagnosing and treating a wide range of musculoskeletal conditions, including fractures, joint replacements, sports injuries, and spinal disorders.

In my practice, I am dedicated to providing comprehensive orthopedic care that includes surgical interventions, non-surgical treatments, and rehabilitation services aimed at restoring mobility and improving quality of life for my patients.

Orthopedic emergencies such as fractures requiring urgent surgical intervention or acute joint injuries demand immediate access to care and advanced diagnostic capabilities. Establishing a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus, as proposed by Beloit Health System, will significantly enhance our community's ability to deliver timely care. Utilizing existing space within an established facility offers a practical and cost-effective solution to meet our community's healthcare needs.

Furthermore, the introduction of a new 10-bed hospital will not only improve access to critical orthopedic services but also attract talented healthcare providers to our area. This expansion of medical facilities and services will create opportunities for collaboration and professional growth, ultimately enhancing the healthcare landscape of our community.

I believe that Beloit Health System's neighborhood hospital initiative will greatly benefit our community by improving access to emergency services, and overall healthcare. Therefore, I wholeheartedly endorse this proposal and urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support its approval.

Sincerely,

Daniel Sellman Orthopedic Surgeon

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June 24, 2024

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Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage.

I am writing to express my strong support for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital proposal. As a gastroenterologist specializing in digestive health and having practiced in our community, I understand the critical importance of accessible and comprehensive healthcare services.

I routinely diagnose and treat a wide range of gastrointestinal conditions, including but not limited to, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, and gastrointestinal cancers. I collaborate closely with my patients to develop personalized treatment plans, perform necessary diagnostic procedures such as endoscopies and colonoscopies, manage chronic conditions, and provide ongoing care to optimize their digestive health.

There are times when my patients experience acute gastrointestinal issues that require urgent medical attention, such as severe abdominal pain, gastrointestinal bleeding, or acute pancreatitis. Immediate access to specialized care and diagnostic facilities is crucial in these situations to ensure timely intervention and improve patient outcomes.

Establishing an emergency department and hospital at NorthPointe, as proposed by Beloit Health System, will significantly enhance our community's ability to provide prompt and effective care for emergencies. The proposal addresses our healthcare challenges and will asssit with the recruitment of providers to our area, which is much needed!

I believe that Beloit Health System's neighborhood hospital proposal is well-aligned with the needs of our community, particularly in enhancing access to care and emergency services. Therefore, I fully endorse this initiative and strongly encourage you to support its approval.

Sincerely,

David Yoon, MD Gastroenterologist



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June 17, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for the establishment of NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital to bolster access to emergency and inpatient services for residents of Roscoe, Illinois and surrounding communities.

As an emergency medicine physician with 12 years of experience, I understand the critical importance of timely and effective emergency medical interventions in saving lives and preserving health. I have also witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by area residents seeking emergency care. These patients often have to travel to Rockford, Illinois or Beloit or Janesville and wait times they have experienced are sub-optimal. While Beloit Memorial Hospital has expanded its emergency room capacity in recent years, that has not been an adequate solution for our Illinois patients.

Beloit Health System's proposal to establish a neighborhood hospital presents a transformative opportunity to address these challenges by providing immediate medical attention for individuals with acute and life-threatening conditions such as heart attacks, strokes, severe injuries, and respiratory distress. By providing these interventions in a timely manner to patients in critical situations, the proposed hospital will save lives and preserve function.

This new hospital holds the promise of enhancing access to high-quality emergency care and improving patient outcomes, as it will combine state-of-the-art facilities with a multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals.

I fully support this initiative and look forward to delivering exceptional emergency care to our patients.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

Andrew Dean, MD

Emergency Medicine Board Certified Physician

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June 24, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

As a pediatrician with dedicated service to our local community, I am writing to express my strong endorsement for the neighborhood hospital proposal currently under consideration for a Certificate of Need (CON). In my practice, I specialize in the health and well-being of children, managing conditions such as childhood diabetes, asthma, infectious diseases, and developmental disorders. I am committed to working closely with families to devise tailored treatment plans, monitor their children's health progress. adjust therapies as needed, and provide continuous support to ensure optimal health outcomes.

Unfortunately, there are times when children under my care require urgent medical attention due to acute illnesses or injuries, such as respiratory distress or severe infections. In these critical situations, prompt medical intervention is crucial for ensuring the best possible outcomes and minimizing complications.

I firmly believe that establishing an emergency department and hospital on the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Campus, as proposed by Beloit Health System, will significantly enhance our ability to deliver timely and specialized care to pediatric patients. The proposal reflects a thorough understanding of our community's healthcare needs and demonstrates a commitment to addressing these needs efficiently. By utilizing existing shelled space within an established facility, the smaller format hospital will provide essential medical resources without the extensive costs associated with larger facilities.

Beloit Health System's proposal aligns perfectly with the healthcare needs of our community, particularly in enhancing access to emergency services and care. I wholeheartedly support this initiative and urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve it.

Sincerely,

Chitra Desai, MD Pediatrician

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Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for Beloit Health System's proposal to establish a neighborhood hospital at NorthPointe. As a Nurse Practitioner specializing in orthopedics, I have been part of the medical team at Beloit Memorial Hospital for many years. Throughout my tenure, I have witnessed firsthand the increasing demand for emergency and inpatient services in our community.

Orthopedic injuries, ranging from fractures and dislocations to severe sprains and trauma, require prompt evaluation and treatment to minimize complications and ensure optimal recovery. The emergency room plays a vital role in the initial assessment, stabilization, and diagnostic imaging necessary for effective orthopedic intervention. For patients without immediate access to primary care or orthopedic specialists, the ER serves as a critical gateway, providing timely evaluation, pain relief, and preliminary treatment, which can significantly enhance patient outcomes.

Beloit Health System's neighborhood hospital proposal is essential for meeting the growing healthcare needs of our community. By expanding emergency and inpatient services at NorthPointe, Beloit Health System will enhance access to high-quality care and improve patient outcomes. This initiative not only aligns with the healthcare priorities of our region but also demonstrates a commitment to providing comprehensive and efficient healthcare services close to home.

I firmly believe that the approval of this proposal will optimize patient care, enhance healthcare delivery, and strengthen our community's healthcare infrastructure. I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support Beloit Health System's application for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital CON permit (Project 24-018).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

Kristy Dygart DNP Orthopedic Surgery



June 26, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to express my support for the proposed neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus. I've been an internal medicine nurse practitioner in our community and I've seen just how crucial it is for folks to have easy access to good healthcare.

Every day, I work with patients dealing with chronic illnesses like diabetes, heart problems, and breathing issues. When emergencies pop up, like sudden chest pains or breathing troubles, they need help fast. Unfortunately, many of them have to travel quite a distance to get the care they need, which is tough, especially when time really matters. Having a hospital close by at NorthPointe would make a world of difference. Imagine the peace of mind knowing that help is just around the corner!

This new hospital would mean quicker treatment for emergencies and better overall care for our community. It would take some of the load off of the Beloit Memorial Hospital, making it easier for everyone to get seen. For example, if someone has a sudden asthma attack or a heart scare, they could get the emergency care they need right away, and that can be a lifesaver.

I really believe that this project will do a lot of good for our area. So, I'm hoping you'll give a thumbs-up to Beloit Health System's proposal for the new hospital. It's a big step toward making sure our community gets the healthcare support it deserves.

Thanks a bunch for taking the time to read my letter and for considering this important project.

Sincerely,

Erin Clavton. (N Internal Medicine

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Chair Debra Savage
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital

Project 24-018

Dear Ms. Savage,

As a Radiation Oncologist at the Beloit Health System University of Wisconsin Cancer Center, I am grateful for the opportunity to provide comment in support of this project. I have been a part of the Beloit Health System family for six years and am proud to serve my patients with high quality cancer care. In doing so, I understand the importance of ensuring that patients receive comprehensive, multidisciplinary care throughout their cancer journey, from diagnosis through survivorship or end-of-life care. Since my patients often suffer from other chronic conditions and comorbidities in addition to cancer, it is critical that they have access to hospital and emergency services when facing symptoms that warrant immediate medical attention.

With this in mind, I fully support Beloit's proposal. By establishing a hospital and emergency room in Roscoe, the health system will allow my patients to receive care closer to home and in their home state of Illinois. In advocating for my patients, I urge the Board to approve this Certificate of Need application.

Sincerely

Eric Xanthopoulos, M.D. Radiation Oncologist



June 21, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

As a rheumatologist practicing in the stateline community, I am writing to express my strong support for the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. In my specialty, I treat patients with complex chronic conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and other autoimmune diseases. These patients often require frequent and comprehensive healthcare services that are easily accessible and well-coordinated.

NorthPointe currently offers an impressive array of services, including a medically integrated fitness center, immediate care facilities, diagnostic and treatment centers, an ambulatory surgery center, a birthing center, physician offices, and an assisted living center. This integrated approach to healthcare is vital for my patients, who need regular monitoring and multidisciplinary care to manage their chronic conditions effectively.

With the rising prevalence of autoimmune diseases and associated complications in our community, there is an urgent need for expanded resources to address the increasing demand for emergency and inpatient care. The proposal by Beloit Health System for a neighborhood hospital is a thoughtful and necessary expansion that aims to meet these critical healthcare needs.

I have reviewed the proposal and am particularly impressed by the emphasis on evidence-based practices and patient-centered care. The expansion of inpatient and emergency services will provide my patients with better access to comprehensive and timely care, which is essential for managing their conditions and improving their quality of life. I strongly urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this proposal, as it will significantly enhance healthcare delivery in our region.

Regards,

Dimitrios Fanopoúlos, MD

Rheumatologist

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Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing in support of Beloit Health System's plan to establish a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus. As an internal medicine physician servicing the Stateline area, I have a deep understanding of the healthcare challenges faced by our community, particularly the need for accessible and comprehensive medical services.

In my practice, I often treat patients with complex medical conditions such as heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and kidney disease. These patients frequently require emergency care to address exacerbations of their illnesses. The addition of a neighborhood hospital would provide a critical resource for immediate medical attention and reduce the need for patients to travel long distances, which can be particularly taxing for those with mobility or transportation issues.

The neighborhood hospital will not only alleviate the strain on the existing healthcare facility in Beloit, Wisconsin but also enhance the overall quality of care by offering timely medical interventions. This is especially important for conditions that require prompt treatment to avoid severe complications, such as acute asthma attacks or sudden heart failure episodes.

I firmly believe that approving this proposal will significantly benefit our community by improving access to essential healthcare services. I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support this initiative, which will play a crucial role in advancing the health and well-being of our residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joshua Frederick, MD Internal Medicine



June 26, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I strongly support Beloit Health System's proposal for a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus. As an infectious disease specialist at Beloit Memorial Hospital, I am acutely aware of the critical role that timely and accessible healthcare services play in the effective management of infectious diseases.

I am responsible for diagnosing and treating a wide range of infectious conditions, from common bacterial infections to more complex cases involving viral or fungal pathogens. My work often involves collaborating closely with a multidisciplinary team, including primary care physicians, surgeons, pharmacists, and nurses, to ensure comprehensive care for patients dealing with both acute and chronic infections. Given the nature of infectious diseases, which can progress rapidly and unpredictably, it is imperative that patients have immediate access to emergency and inpatient services when their condition requires urgent intervention.

The proposed hospital and emergency room in Roscoe will provide a much-needed resource for timely diagnosis and treatment of infections. This facility will not only serve as a crucial point of care for patients experiencing acute symptoms but will also support ongoing management of chronic infections, allowing for better continuity of care. The establishment of this hospital will enable my patients to receive high-quality care close to home, reducing the need for long and potentially risky travel to distant medical facilities.

In advocating for the health and well-being of my patients, I firmly believe that approving Beloit Health System's proposal will significantly enhance healthcare delivery in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I'm reaching out to express my strong support for the neighborhood hospital proposal that's up for consideration. As a family practice nurse practitioner here in our community, I've seen firsthand how important it is for folks to have healthcare services nearby.

In my role, I work with patients of all ages, managing chronic conditions, providing preventive care, and being there for those unexpected health issues that pop up. It's tough when our patients have to travel far for urgent care, so having a neighborhood hospital right here at the NorthPointe campus, like Beloit Health System is proposing, would be a game-changer.

I truly believe this initiative will make a big difference in how quickly people can get the care they need, especially in emergencies. It'll mean less stress for patients and their families, knowing they have a hospital close by that they can rely on.

I'm fully behind Beloit Health System's neighborhood hospital plan, and I hope the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board sees the value in it too. Let's make sure our community has the healthcare resources it deserves.

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Warm regards,

Terra Green, NP Internal Medicine



June 24, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my strong endorsement of the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project as healthcare provider in the Surgery Department. The expansion of NorthPointe to include a neighborhood hospital is a crucial step towards meeting the evolving healthcare needs of our community and ensuring comprehensive surgical care closer to home.

NorthPointe currently provides a range of essential healthcare services, including a fitness center, urgent care, diagnostic and treatment facilities, a birthing center, physician offices, and an assisted living center. However, the addition of a neighborhood hospital will significantly enhance our ability to deliver comprehensive services and emergency care.

The neighborhood hospital will play a pivotal role in enabling us to provide timely interventions and reducing the need for patients to travel long distances for care.

I have reviewed the details of the proposal and am impressed by NorthPointe's commitment to our patients and our community. The neighborhood hospital will not only enhance patient safety, surgical outcomes, and overall patient satisfaction.

Please approve the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project.

Sincerely.

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage.

I am writing to advocate for the approval of Beloit Health System's proposed neighborhood hospital. As a cardiothoracic surgeon on the medical staff of Beloit Memorial Hospital, I have gained a comprehensive understanding of our healthcare landscape and the pressing need for expanded emergency and inpatient services to meet the increasing demands of the Stateline communities.

The nature of cardiothoracic conditions, including heart disease, lung disorders, and thoracic trauma, often requires urgent evaluation and treatment to mitigate complications and ensure optimal patient outcomes. Emergency rooms serve as crucial hubs for initial assessment, stabilization, and diagnostic imaging, which are essential for effective cardiothoracic intervention. Time is of the essence in treating conditions like heart attacks, where rapid intervention can mean the difference between life and death.

Furthermore, emergency rooms play a vital role as gateways for patients presenting with acute cardiothoracic conditions who may not have immediate access to primary care providers or specialized cardiothoracic care. By providing timely evaluation and intervention, my Emergency Medicine colleagues contribute significantly to reducing morbidity, restoring function, and enhancing patient satisfaction. This seamless collaboration ensures a continuum of care, enabling timely transition to specialized cardiothoracic services when necessary.

I recognize the critical importance of expanding emergency services to improve healthcare delivery across our community. Approving this CON will optimize patient outcomes and elevate the standard of healthcare in the Stateline area. Therefore, I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital CON permit application, Project 24-018.

Thank you for considering the urgent need for this initiative to save lives and improve healthcare accessibility in our community.

Sincerely,

Hilton Hudson II, MD Cardiothoracic Surgeon

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for the establishment of NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital. As an occupational health nurse practitioner with years of experience, I understand the critical role that accessible and comprehensive healthcare services play in promoting employee well-being and productivity.

The proposed hospital will significantly benefit our community by providing prompt emergency and inpatient services closer to home. This accessibility is crucial for managing workplace injuries and acute health conditions effectively, ensuring timely medical care for employees when they need it most.

I believe that supporting the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project is a strategic investment in our community's health and economic vitality. It reflects our dedication to advancing healthcare accessibility and supporting the well-being of employees across various industries.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

Sincerely.

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project, particularly in its commitment to improving emergency care in our region.

As a psychiatrist, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by individuals and families seeking urgent psychiatric assistance. The establishment of the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital will provide a dedicated space for psychiatric emergencies, ensuring prompt evaluations and interventions for patients experiencing acute mental health crises.

The integration of emergency psychiatric services within a medical setting enhances collaboration among healthcare providers, leading to more effective crisis management and better outcomes for patients. This initiative reflects a proactive approach to addressing mental health needs in our community, emphasizing early intervention and support during times of acute distress.

I urge the Board to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project, recognizing its potential to significantly enhance emergency care and support mental health wellness in Roscoe and surrounding areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

Jennifer Bleak, MD

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Ms. Debra Savage Chair Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re:

Support for Project 24-018

NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital- Roscoe, Illinois

Chair Savage,

I am an orthopedic surgeon who practices on the NorthPointe campus in Roscoe, Illinois. Among many other services, the NorthPointe campus houses NorthPointe Terrace, an assisted living community. Unfortunately, I often see NorthPointe Terrace residents in my practice, as seniors are more susceptible to falls and other injuries due to reduced mobility. While the NorthPointe campus does operate the NorthPointe Health and Wellness Center to give our community the best opportunity to maintain strength, mobility and flexibility, there is not currently an Illinois option for my patients to obtain emergency or inpatient services nearby.

Throughout my career, I have sent many of my patients to the affiliated hospital in Beloit, Wisconsin. Whenever I do so, I always know they will receive high quality care and that Beloit Health System will accept most of the insurance plans covering this region, including Medicaid and Medicare managed care plans. That, coupled with my ability to monitor their progress through Beloit Health System's electronic medical record, is invaluable to me as the one who is ultimately responsible for their care.

By adding a small remote location of the Beloit hospital in Roscoe, my patients will be able to obtain care closer to home in a state-of-the-art facility and without crossing the state line. With this in mind, I fully support the proposal to increase access to inpatient and emergency care and ask that the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital CON Permit Application.

Regards,

Dr. Jamie Fra Orthopedic Surgeon



June 25, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

Please approve the neighborhood hospital proposal currently under review. As a pulmonologist with significant experience specializing in respiratory diseases and critical care. I have witnessed firsthand the critical importance of timely access to medical services, especially in emergencies, where the passing of just a short amount of time can truly make the difference between life and death for patients with conditions like pulmonary embolism.

Establishing a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus, as proposed by Beloit Health System, will greatly enhance our community's ability to provide prompt diagnosis, treatment, and critical care for respiratory emergencies and other pulmonary conditions. Having a local facility equipped with advanced diagnostic tools and specialized medical staff will expedite the delivery of life-saving interventions, improving outcomes and reducing the risks associated with delays in treatment.

I firmly believe that supporting this neighborhood hospital initiative is essential for enhancing healthcare access and outcomes in our community. Therefore, I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve this proposal, ensuring that our community has the necessary resources to deliver timely and high-quality care.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this critical matter — I truly believe that approving this project will literally save lives.

Sincerely.

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to extend my sincere gratitude to the Board for approving the NorthPointe Birthing Center project, a milestone that has already begun positively impacting our community's maternal and newborn care. As a recently hired Nurse Midwife at Beloit Health System, I have witnessed firsthand the profound difference this center has made in providing compassionate and comprehensive care to expectant families.

The NorthPointe Birthing Center stands as a testament to Beloit Health System's commitment to excellence in healthcare, offering a safe, supportive environment where families can experience the joy of childbirth under the guidance of skilled professionals. This facility not only meets but exceeds the expectations of families seeking personalized, family-centered care during one of life's most transformative moments.

I commend the Board for recognizing the importance of such initiatives in enhancing community health services. Building upon this success, I wholeheartedly support Beloit Health System's proposal to establish a neighborhood hospital with emergency services on the NorthPointe campus. This expansion will further bolster our ability to respond swiftly and effectively to the diverse healthcare needs of our community.

In my role as a Nurse Midwife. I understand the critical role that immediate access to emergency care plays in ensuring the safety and well-being of community members. 1 urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital CON permit application (Project 24-018). Your continued support will not only advance our ability to deliver exceptional healthcare services but also reinforce Beloit Health System's dedication to serving this wonderful community.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important matter.

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Warm regards,

Jamie Turner-Rose, CNM Nurse Midwifery

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Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

As a neurologist specializing in diagnosing and treating neurological disorders, I have many years of experience providing specialized care to patients in our community.

In my practice, I understand the critical importance of timely access to specialized medical services, particularly for patients experiencing neurological emergencies such as strokes, seizures, and neurodegenerative diseases. Seconds can make a significant difference in the treatment and recovery of stroke patients, where quick intervention can often save lives and minimize long-term disability.

Establishing a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus, as proposed by Beloit Health System, would significantly enhance our community's ability to deliver prompt neurological care and interventions. The proximity of a local hospital equipped with advanced diagnostic and treatment capabilities will improve outcomes for patients by reducing treatment delays and ensuring timely access to care teams.

I firmly believe that supporting Beloit Health System's neighborhood hospital initiative is essential for improving healthcare access and outcomes in our community. Therefore, I urge you to approve this proposal for the benefit of our patients and their families.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed neighborhood hospital and emergency room project at NorthPointe Health & Wellness Campus. As a physiatrist specializing in physical medicine and rehabilitation, I have dedicated my career to improving the functional outcomes and quality of life for patients facing musculoskeletal, neurological, and chronic pain conditions.

NorthPointe Health & Wellness Campus has been instrumental in providing comprehensive rehabilitative care to our community. Our multidisciplinary team collaborates closely to develop personalized treatment plans that address the unique needs of each patient, whether recovering from surgery, managing chronic pain, or rehabilitating after a neurological injury.

The addition of a neighborhood hospital with emergency services is crucial for enhancing our ability to deliver timely and effective care. Many of our patients require immediate medical attention for acute exacerbations of chronic conditions or unexpected injuries. Having onsite emergency facilities will ensure that patients receive prompt evaluation, stabilization, and appropriate interventions, which are pivotal in preventing complications and promoting recovery.

Furthermore, the proposed project underscores our commitment to advancing integrated healthcare solutions. By expanding our capabilities to include emergency care alongside rehabilitation services, we can optimize patient outcomes and streamline access to comprehensive healthcare within our community.

I strongly urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project. This initiative will not only meet the growing healthcare needs of our community but also uphold our mission to provide compassionate, patient-centered care.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Kenneth Klein, MD

Physiatry



June 24, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

As a community family practice physician, I am writing to lend my full support to the NorthPointe Health & Wellness Neighborhood Hospital project. My practice involves caring for patients of all ages and managing a variety of acute and chronic conditions. NorthPointe currently provides a wide array of vital services, including a medically integrated fitness center, immediate care center, various diagnostic and treatment facilities, an ambulatory surgery center, a birthing center, physician offices, and an assisted living center.

In my experience, patients benefit tremendously from the comprehensive care available at NorthPointe. For example, having immediate access to diagnostics and specialist consultations in one location streamlines care and improves patient outcomes. With the rising rates of chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, and COPD in our community, it is evident that there is a pressing need for expanded emergency and inpatient services.

The Beloit Health System's proposal for a neighborhood hospital is a well-considered plan that addresses these healthcare needs by enhancing the availability of critical services. After reviewing the proposal, I really like its commitment to providing quality care.

I believe that expanding the inpatient and emergency services at NorthPointe will significantly improve the health and well-being of our community. Therefore, I strongly urge you to approve this proposal.

Best regards.

Kathleen Klespis-Wick, MD Family Medicine Physician

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing in full support of Beloit Health System's proposal to establish a neighborhood hospital at NorthPointe. As a Physician Assistant specializing in orthopedic surgery at Beloit Memorial Hospital, I have had the privilege of serving our community.

Orthopedic injuries, ranging from fractures and dislocations to complex trauma cases, require timely intervention to ensure optimal recovery and prevent long-term complications. The emergency department serves as a crucial entry point for patients with acute musculoskeletal injuries, providing initial assessment, stabilization, and diagnostic services that are essential for effective treatment planning.

Having collaborated closely with the emergency department staff, I have seen firsthand their dedication to delivering prompt and effective care to orthopedic patients. This collaboration not only reduces patient discomfort and disability but also improves overall satisfaction with care outcomes. The proposed neighborhood hospital at NorthPointe will further enhance our ability to provide seamless care transitions and comprehensive orthopedic services closer to home.

I believe that expanding emergency and inpatient services through this project will significantly benefit our community by improving access to specialized orthopedic care and enhancing patient outcomes. Therefore, I strongly encourage the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve Beloit Health System's application for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital CON permit (Project 24-018).

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

Kristin Lietzau, PA Orthopedic Surgery

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to endorse the neighborhood hospital proposal currently under consideration. As a urologist with decades of experience serving our community, I specialize in diagnosing and treating a variety of urological conditions, including kidney stones, urinary tract infections, prostate disorders, and urological cancers.

I am dedicated to providing comprehensive urological care, which includes performing surgeries, managing chronic conditions, and offering preventive treatments to optimize patient health and quality of life.

There are instances when my patients require urgent medical attention for acute urological emergencies such as kidney stone episodes, urinary retention, or genitourinary trauma. Immediate access to care and diagnostic facilities is crucial in these situations to prevent complications and ensure the best possible outcomes for patients.

Establishing an emergency department and hospital at the NorthPointe campus, as proposed by Beloit Health System, will significantly enhance our community's ability to deliver timely and specialized care. The proposal acknowledges the need for accessible healthcare services and proposes a practical solution by utilizing existing space within an established facility. This approach allows for the provision of essential medical resources without the substantial costs associated with constructing a larger hospital.

I believe that Beloit Health System's neighborhood hospital proposal will greatly benefit our community by improving access to emergency services, and overall healthcare. Therefore, I wholeheartedly endorse this initiative and urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support its approval.

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Urologist

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Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I wanted to drop you a note expressing my support for the neighborhood hospital proposal that's up for review. As an OBGYN nurse practitioner, I've seen firsthand how important it is for women in our community to have easy access to quality healthcare.

In my practice, I focus on providing prenatal care, family planning services, and helping women manage their reproductive health throughout different stages of life. Having a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus, as proposed by Beloit Health System, would be a game-changer for us.

Imagine being able to offer moms-to-be a nearby facility for routine check-ups, labor and delivery, and emergency services if needed. It's all about making sure they feel supported and have the care they need, right here in our community.

I truly believe this initiative will improve healthcare access and outcomes for women in our area. So, I'm all in for supporting the neighborhood hospital plan and hope you'll consider backing it too.

Thanks for listening to my thoughts on this!

Best regards

Kari Ziemba, NP

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Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to lend my full support to Beloit Health System's proposal for a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus. In my dual role as an interventional cardiologist and the president of the medical staff at Beloit Health System, I have a comprehensive understanding of the pressing healthcare needs in our community and the critical importance of accessible, high-quality emergency care.

In my practice, I frequently encounter patients who experience acute cardiac events. such as heart attacks, where every second counts. The sooner these patients receive medical intervention, the better their chances for survival and recovery. Currently, many individuals in our community must travel considerable distances to receive this urgent care, which can lead to devastating outcomes. Establishing a neighborhood hospital at NorthPointe will significantly reduce these delays, providing immediate access to lifesaving treatments and enhancing overall cardiac care in our region.

As the president of the medical staff, I have seen firsthand how the availability of local, comprehensive healthcare services improves patient outcomes and community health. This new hospital will not only serve those experiencing emergencies but will also alleviate the burden on our main facility, allowing us to deliver more focused and timely care. This will allow us to provide a higher level of service to a broader population. ensuring that all patients receive the care they need when they need it most.

Furthermore, the establishment of a neighborhood hospital will greatly assist in attracting top medical talent to our region. The presence of a modern, well-equipped facility is a significant draw for skilled healthcare professionals who are looking for opportunities to work in a community-focused setting with the support of a reputable health system. This project will enhance our ability to recruit and retain exceptional providers, ultimately enriching the quality of care available to our community.



Moreover, the neighborhood hospital will reinforce our commitment to delivering patientcentered care by integrating seamlessly with our existing services. This holistic approach will enable us to provide continuous and coordinated care, enhancing the overall patient experience and contributing to better health outcomes for our community.

Given my professional experience and leadership role at Beloit Health System, I am confident that this project will address critical gaps in our healthcare infrastructure and significantly improve access to emergency services. Therefore, I strongly urge you to approve this vital proposal. It is an essential step towards a healthier, more resilient community.

Thank you for considering this important initiative.

Sincerely

Leo Egbujiobi, MD Interventional Cardiology

President of Medical Staff



June 25, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to express my support for Beloit Health System's proposal to establish a neighborhood hospital at NorthPointe. As an audiologist specializing in hearing and balance disorders, I understand the importance of accessible healthcare services for our community.

A neighborhood hospital at NorthPointe would enhance access to essential medical services, benefiting residents who require prompt medical attention, including those with acute hearing and balance concerns. This facility would complement existing healthcare resources and improve overall patient outcomes.

I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital CON permit application. This initiative will undoubtedly enhance healthcare access and improve the quality of life for individuals in our community.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Debra Savage Chair Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Project #24-018

Dear Ms. Savage,

I am writing to request approval of Beloit Health System's proposed neighborhood hospital. As an orthopedic surgeon who has been on the medical staff of Beloit Memorial Hospital for 7 years and seeing patients in the Northpointe medical office building in Roscoe for some time, I have a deep understanding of the healthcare landscape and the need for expanded emergency and inpatient services to meet the growing demands of the Stateline communities.

The nature of orthopedic injuries, ranging from fractures and dislocations to severe sprains and trauma, often necessitates prompt evaluation and treatment to prevent further complications and ensure optimal outcomes. Emergency room personnel play a critical role in the initial assessment, stabilization, and diagnostic imaging of orthopedic injuries, laying the foundation for subsequent orthopedic intervention. Moreover, emergency rooms serve as gateways for patients who present with orthopedic injuries or conditions but do not have immediate access to primary care providers or orthopedic specialists. By offering prompt evaluation and treatment, my Emergency Medicine colleagues contribute to reducing pain, restoring function, and improving overall patient satisfaction. When indicated, they can then scamlessly transition patients to my care.

Given my reliance on emergency rooms as crucial partners in delivering timely and effective care to patients with acute musculoskeletal injuries or conditions, I firmly believe that the approval of this CON will optimize patient outcomes and enhance overall healthcare delivery in the community, and I urge the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to approve the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital CON permit application, Project 24-018.

With regard

Dr. Lee McFadden Orthopedic Surgeon



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June 27, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

I am writing to voice my strong endorsement for the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital project. which aims to improve access to emergency and inpatient services for residents in Roscoe, Illinois, and the surrounding areas.

As an emergency medicine physician, I have witnessed firsthand the challenges our community faces in accessing timely emergency care. Many patients are forced to travel to Rockford, Beloit, or Janesville, often experiencing significant delays in receiving critical medical attention.

Beloit Health System's proposal to establish a neighborhood hospital represents a crucial opportunity to address these challenges head-on. By providing immediate medical care for individuals with acute conditions such as heart attacks, strokes, severe injuries, and respiratory distress, this initiative will undoubtedly save lives and improve health outcomes.

The new hospital will not only enhance access to high-quality emergency care but also integrate advanced facilities and a collaborative team of healthcare professionals. This comprehensive approach ensures that patients receive the timely interventions necessary to preserve health and well-being.

I fully support this initiative and its potential to significantly benefit our community. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Liova Rivera, MD

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Debra Savage, Chair, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board, 525 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor, Springfield, IL 62761

Re: Letter of Support for NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital Roscoe, Illinois CON Permit Application (24-018)

Dear Ms. Savage,

I am writing to express my strong support for the approval of the NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital in our community. As a lifelong resident of this area, I have experienced firsthand the critical need for a local healthcare facility.

Having grown up and gone to school in this community, I have seen its growth and development. I now own several businesses here and have also had the honor of serving as a member of our local fire department, during which time I transported numerous patients to hospitals located over 10 miles away. This distance often results in delayed medical care, which can be detrimental in emergency situations.

The establishment of NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital will significantly benefit our region by providing easily accessible healthcare services. A hospital within our community will ensure timely medical intervention, ultimately saving lives and improving overall health outcomes for our residents. The convenience of a nearby hospital will also alleviate the burden on current medical facilities, distributing the patient load more evenly and efficiently.

Furthermore, the presence of a neighborhood hospital will stimulate local economic growth by creating jobs and attracting healthcare professionals to our area. It will also enhance the sense of security and well-being among residents, knowing that essential medical care is just a short distance away.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support the proposal for NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital and believe that its approval will greatly enhance the quality of life for all community members. Thank you for considering this vital addition to our region.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Prosser



June 25, 2024

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Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

As an allergist specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of allergic conditions and immune disorders, I have witnessed firsthand the impact of accessible healthcare services on our community's well-being.

Allergic diseases, ranging from seasonal allergies and food allergies to severe immune reactions, require comprehensive and timely medical intervention to manage symptoms effectively and prevent serious complications. Having a neighborhood hospital at the NorthPointe campus would greatly improve our community's ability to provide prompt treatments for severe allergic reactions like anaphylaxis.

Furthermore, the availability of services within our local healthcare system will alleviate the burden on patients who currently travel long distances for specialized care. This initiative not only enhances convenience but also ensures that patients receive timely diagnosis and personalized treatment plans tailored to their specific allergic conditions.

I believe that supporting this neighborhood hospital initiative is essential for enhancing healthcare accessibility and quality in our community.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter.

With regards,

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June 28, 2024

Ms. Debra Savage Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board 525 West Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

Re: Project 24-018, NorthPointe Neighborhood Hospital, Roscoe, Illinois

Dear Chair Savage,

As a Nurse Practitioner specializing in Radiation Oncology at Beloit Memorial Hospital, I am privileged to support the proposed project. As a member of the Beloit Health System team, I am dedicated to delivering high-quality cancer care to our patients. In my role, I work closely with oncologists, surgeons, pathologists, radiologists, nurses, social workers, and palliative care specialists to ensure comprehensive, multidisciplinary care throughout each patient's cancer journey-from diagnosis to survivorship or end-of-life care.

Many of our patients, in addition to battling cancer, also cope with chronic conditions and comorbidities. Therefore, access to hospital and emergency services close to their homes in Illinois is vital when urgent medical attention is needed.

The establishment of a hospital and emergency room in Roscoe by Beloit Health System is an essential step towards meeting these healthcare needs. It will enhance accessibility to critical care services, ensuring our patients receive timely and effective treatment in familiar surroundings.

I strongly advocate for the approval of this Certificate of Need application, as it aligns with our commitment to providing comprehensive care and improving health outcomes for our community.

Thank you for considering the welfare of our patients and supporting this important initiative.

Warm regards,

Michelle Basye, NP Radiation Oncology

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